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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Lloyd G. RATCHFORD

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EXAMINER:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Sir:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a copy of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. These documents are listed on form PTO-1449, also attached.
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CERTIFICATION

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the subject patent application.
- ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

PETITION

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby request consideration of the attached information. A check is attached in the amount of the Petition fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1).

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 23-2185. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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